
Skagit Valley College

Agency: 674

Audit Report: 2003 Higher Education System Report

Finding Number: 03-05

Finding: Skagit Valley College does not have adequate controls and monitoring over revenues in several departments.

Resolution/Status: Finding of fraud. Refer to page 89.

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Audit Report: 2003 Higher Education System Report

Finding Number: 03-09

Finding: Skagit Valley College did not comply with state competitive bid laws.

Resolution/Status: After review, Skagit Valley College now agrees with its Culinary Arts Director. The Culinary Arts Department, as an instructional program, is specifically excluded from state competitive bid laws when "... purchases are for the express purpose of supporting instructional programs and may best be executed through direct negotiation with one or more suppliers in order to meet the needs of the institution" (RCW 43.19.1906(7)). Staff for The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges has indicated their support for this position.

The College will continue to negotiate purchases in the Culinary Arts Department when appropriate and advantageous to the needs of the Department and College. Records of such negotiations will be maintained.

The College is currently reviewing the need for new purchasing practices guidelines to be used by all departments and employees involved in purchasing.

In January 2005, the College will have a new Controller. One of that individual's first tasks will be to supervise a review and update of the College's internal administrative controls including purchasing policies and procedures.

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